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1. VIETNAM.

A. SIGNATURE OF AIR AGREEMENT. DOPFFER NOTED THAT THEY HAD INITIALED AN AIR AGREEMENT WITH THE VIETNAMESE IN HANOI LAST YEAR IN NOVEMBER. AFTER THE DELEGATION RETURNED TO FRANCE, THE VIETNAMESE THEN REPUDIATED THEIR INITIALS AND SAID THEY REALLY WISHED A DIFFERENT AGREEMENT. TALKS HAVE BEEN GOING ON SINCE, BUT IT WAS RATHER SUDDEN WHEN LAST WEEK THEY SENT A DELEGATION TO PARIS WHICH SIGNED BASICALLY THE SAME AGREEMENT AS HAD BEEN WORKED OUT IN NOVEMBER. THE AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR FLIGHTS FROM PARIS TO HANOI AND BEYOND; OVERFLIGHT PERMISSION FROM THAILAND IS STILL REQUIRED. THE FRENCH THOUGHT IT WOULD BE SOME TIME BEFORE THE VIETNAMESE WOULD TAKE UP THEIR RIGHT TO FLY TO PARIS, BUT AIR FRANCE HOPES TO BE ABLE TO USE THE HANOI FIELD BY SEPTEMBER 2.

B. VIETNAMESE GRAIN SHORTFALL. THE FRENCH
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THOUGHT IT WAS VERY SIGNIFICANT THAT THE VIETNAMESE WERE SPEAKING SO OPENLY OF A GRAIN SHORTFALL OF OVER A MILLION TONS. FRENCH EXPERTS USING ALL THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE HAD COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THE ACTUAL SHORTFALL WAS PROBABLY CLOSER TO 2.5 MILLION TONS. SINCE THIS WAS ONE OF THE VIETNAMESE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS WHICH WOULD NOT PERMIT A LONG DELAY,

THE QUAI THOUGHT THIS PROBLEM WOULD BE ONE WHICH WOULD INFLUENCE HANOI'S IMMEDIATE NEGOTIATING POSTURE. FROM THE WAY IN WHICH THE VIETNAMESE TALKED ABOUT THE SHORTAGE, IT SEEMED CLEAR THEY DID NOT EXPECT RELIEF FROM THE USSR OR THE PRC.

2. SINO-KAMPUCHEA RELATIONS.

DOPFFER SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THE CHINESE CONTINUED TO EXPRESS TO FRENCH AND OTHER DIPLOMATS THEIR DISPLEASURE WITH THE INTERNAL ACTIONS OF THE DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA GOVERNMENT (DKG), THEY SEEMED TO BE TRYING TO SHOW GREATER SUPPORT OF THE RECENT DKG EFFORTS AT IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH THEIR NEIGHBORS, THAT IS IENG SAY TRIP TO SEA. THE FRENCH BELIEVED THAT IT WAS STRONG CHINESE PERSUASION WHICH RESULTED IN THE IENG SAY TRIP, AND THE CHINESE SHOWED THEIR SATISFACTION BY APPROPRIATE

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RECEPTIONS IN PEKING FOR IENG SAY BOTH GOING AND COMING. IENG SAY'S TREATMENT IN PEKING HAD BEEN CONSIDERABLY COOLER ON HIS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING TRIP. DOPFFER COMMENTED THAT THE GOF THOUGHT PEKING WAS SOMEWHAT EMBARRASSED BY THE NEWS REPORTS OF THE SITUATION INSIDE KAMPUCHEA AND WISHED CLEARLY TO DISASSOCIATE THE PRC AS THE IDEOLOGICAL INSPIRATION FOR

THESE ACTIONS. THE QUAI THOUGHT IENG SAY'S TRIP HAD BEEN QUITE SUCCESSFUL AND THAT IENG SAY'S STATEMENTS MADE IT CLEAR THE KAMPUCHEA GOVERNMENT WAS NOT A TRULY MARXIST ONE. IT WAS A FAVORABLE SIGN THAT THE MALAYS WOULD SEND A DELEGATION TO PHNOM PENH.

3. FANCO-LAO RELATIONS.

THE LAO ATTITUDE TOWARD FRANCE APPEARS TO HAVE IMPROVED SOMEWHAT. TWO FRENCHMEN ARE CURRENTLY IN PRISON AND RECENTLY THE LPDR PERMITTED THE FRENCH TO VISIT ONE OF THEM, A SLIGHT IMPROVEMENT IN THEIR CONSULAR RELATIONS. TALKS WERE ALSO MOVING AHEAD ON FRENCH AID WITH A LESS RIGID POSITION BEING TAKEN
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BY THE LAO. HE THOUGHT RELATIONS WERE STILL FAR FROM WARM AND THESE TWO INCIDENTS CAN BE CONSIDERED ONLY MODEST INDICATIONS THAT RELATIONS MIGHT IMPROVE.
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